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as a corresponding member, and I should be happy, to see you at the convention.

If, at any time, you have occasion to come to Andover, do not fail to call on me. I live near the depot.

Our little church in this place will all leave the old concern with me; they have been sick of episcopacy for many years.

I have no doubt the Herald will say many hard things against us; that is, against the leaders in the new movement, but you will know how much reliance to put upon their statements and arguments. All we ask is, not to be condemned unheard. If we cannot make our cause good by reason and argument, we are willing to fall. As yet, Scott Horton and myself, may be considered as the leaders in the enterprise, but I know of more, strong men in the ministry, that will join us, so soon as their present engagements expire, say from four to six months.

Excuse me for having imposed so long a letter upon you; we are apt to think that what is interesting to us must be to others.

Yours as ever

Luther Lee.

I should been glad to have sustained the Sword, and should be glad to go on with it now, if it would only pay for the paper, and printing, but it will not do that. I am sorry you have been so little interested as to forget to call for it, but I know well how to make allowance for such circumstance. I think you will still find them at the office.

I suppose your bill would be about six dollars, after making my usual deduction of 20 percent, and then a deduction for the six numbers not yet published. I was never so badly off in financial matters before in my life; but I am not in despair though cast down:—"I shall yet praise him!"

And now a word on another subject—I have withdrawn from the M. E. Church, on account of Slavery and Episcopacy, and have commenced the battle for independent life. Obtain the second number of the "True Wesleyan", published at 66 Cornhill, and you will find my reasons, first article on the first page. This will make a great excitement in the old Church.

We are to hold a convention in Andover the first day of Feb. next. Will you not come up and see us. You can be admitted

Rev. Luther Lee

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Br Phelps:— I received yours of the 22 last evening. The Sword I suppose is dead; I do not expect to be able to issue another number. In going down, it has involved me some two or three hundred dollars. I have done all I could to make it live, but have failed. It was not because it was unpopular, every body that read it liked it, but it failed from two circumstances.

1. It had no sectarian influence to sustain. This is the strongest feeling that can be appealed to ~~by~~<sup>in</sup> the great body of professing christians.
2. Hundreds, who approved of it, and secretly wished it success, dared not <sup>to</sup> openly sustain it. This is true of ministers. They feared the slander and abuse of Universalists, or they had some Garrison man, or some non-resistant member of their congregations, whom they did not wish to offend. Where ministers give it their public sanction, they were sure to be assaulted. Cabb's assault upon you is a specimen.